

## Franklin County

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### Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

#### Promote Healthy Behaviors

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #1: Obesity rates is 59% of the population as per the County Health Snapshot 2009 - the state of Iowa rate is 63%. Of those responding to a county wide health survey - 84% responded that obesity was the number one health issue/problem.
- Rank #2: According to hospitalization data, Circulatory Diseases (heart disease etc) has consistently been higher than that of the state of Iowa rates. (Franklin - in 2008 194.7/1000 and the State of Iowa 187.5/1000.)

#### Prevent Injuries

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #1: Child abuse rates of 19/1000 for Franklin County are higher than the state of Iowa Rate of 17.4/1000 (source: Kids Count 2009 Data Center). In addition, there were 32 confirmed child abuse cases in 2009 for Franklin County (source - Prevent Child Abuse Iowa).

#### Protect Against Environmental Hazards

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #1: safe drinking water (55% of county residents identified that safe drinking water was the number one environmental health concern in Franklin County.)
- Rank #2: As of 12/31/08 the rate of 9.2% of children tested have greater than 10 ug/ml - state is 5.1. In addition, Franklin County has no current "Local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

#### Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

##### Problems/Needs:

- Rank #1 Internal staff depth for responding to and follow up regarding various county disease and investigations. Current status: one full time staff trained in IDSS and disease surveillance and investigation.

## **Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies**

### **Problems/Needs:**

- Only 56% of county residents responding to a local survey report being prepared for a natural and/or manmade disaster.

## **Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure**

### **Problems/Needs:**

- Rank #1: 15% of adults are uninsured in Franklin County compared to 10% for the State of Iowa (source - Iowa Data Warehouse).

## Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Maintain the percentage of Franklin County residents that are obese by 2015 to not more than 59% (source: Community Health Status Indicator Report 2008. (Based on local survey - 86% of respondents reported obesity as the number one health issue within the county.)	Identify key county stakeholders/leaders to be involved in reducing Franklin County resident obesity (those beyond current partnerships).	Family Focus Team	8/2011
	Work with county Conservation and community groups to distribute opportunities for recreation, physical fitness, and leisure opportunities in Franklin County.	Public Health staff	Jan-12
	Work with community partners to identify barriers to participating in community recreation, physical fitness, and leisure opportunities.	Family Focus Team	Jan-12
	Outline and implement a community plan for increasing community access to accurate nutrition and fitness information through schools, media, and workplaces.	Public Health	Jan-13
	Provide healthy behaviors educational sessions to the general public targeting physical fitness, nutrition, and chronic disease prevention.	Public Health and community groups	Dec-12
	Partner with local extension offices, schools, medical providers and WIC clinics to increase awareness of nutrition programs and resources in the county.	Public Health and Family Focus Team	Jul-13
	Collaborate with local partners to research and obtain grant funding to target obesity, physical fitness, and nutrition behaviors in Franklin county.	Family Focus Team	Dec-14